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Group Art Unit: 1743

For: COMBINATORIAL CHEMICAL SYNTHESIS

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 21, 2003, amendment to the above-identified patent application is requested.

In the Specification

Please substitute the following amended paragraph(s) and/or section(s):

At page 45, lines 4-10, please replace the paragraph with the following:

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In particular, nanoscale manganese oxide particles have been formed. The production of these particles is described in copending and commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/188,770, now U.S. Patent 6,506,493 to Kumar et al., entitled "Metal Oxide Particles," incorporated herein by reference. This application describes the production of MnO, Mn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Mn<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> and Mn<sub>5</sub>O<sub>8</sub>.

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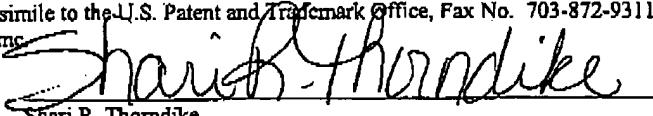
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